SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: They have reduced it on their own. They are withholding supplies.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

SHRI SUKH RAM: Sir, I may add one thing.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: You cannot.

SHRI M. A. BABY: They are not increasing the supply to Kerala. That is the point.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Polluted Drinking Water Supply in Delhi

*141. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to polluted drinking water supply in the capital, a large number of persons have been affected by Cholera and gastro-enteritis epidemic;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to provide safe drinking water to the residents of Delhi;

(c) whether the samples of drinking water have been lifted from different areas of the city and tested; and

(d) if so, what are the results of the tests of the samples so lifted?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) to (d) It is a fact that there has been an outbreak of gastro-enteritis and cholera in the capital in July, 1988 affecting a large number of persons. The focal outbreak of gastro-enteritis, which is a water borne disease, is mainly attributable to the residents of the affected areas consuming water from hand-pumps, drawing water from relatively shallow depths, which had got contaminated owing to insanitary conditions. In the affected areas, where there is no filtered water supply or there is acute shortage thereof, potable water is being supplied through water tankers or trucks carrying water containers. Public hydrants have also been installed for the supply of potable water. Samples of water supplied from and through the distribution system of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, are being taken regularly and the results have been found to conform to the standards.

Committee on Problems of Agricultural Marketing in Punjab

*142. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Committee to study the problems of agricultural marketing in Punjab to boost rural economy;

(b) if so, by when the proposed Committee is likely to be set up;

(c) whether Government also propose to have the views of the State Government before finalising any decision in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Social Impact of Various Programmes of Doordarshan

*143. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any feed back is available with Government to gauge the social impact as distinguished from popularity of the various programmes and also the advertisements telecast by Doordarshan;